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Some keep Lent, others neutrality. None both.

THE CROP LIEN LAW! And that was all there was to it.

The present trouble with politics is that the ratio of new laws far exceeds that of the enforcement of the old ones.

One quart every other week with a few scuttles of snds will require extra help in the express office in keeping records of the shipments and consignees.

The freight receipts at Scotland Neck, according to the local agent, fell short forty-five hundred dollars last month compared with February receipts of 1914. This slump of about fifty per cent in the A. C. L. freight business here in one month presages a scarcity of new spring goods that will be offered by local merchants this year.

Are the present town commissioners going to offer themselves for reelection on the record they have made or on what they should have done during their incumbency? Before the eve of the town election we would like to ask how they stand on the removal of the center row from Clarksville to Greenwood. If this obstruction is removed the new road district commissioners will have our main thoroughfare sand-clayed.

We were greatly disappointed in Senator Stedman's "neutrality" on the liquor traffic law. He held the balance on the liquor traffic committee with the vote tied in the committee to put the bill to sleep or favorably recommending it to the Senate. To please both sides—or rather to make neither side mad—he neither voted pro nor con. By such a stand he has made both sides mad. His intentions were good but he seemed to have reverse English on them. Now he is not only being censured by both factions, for not voting "their way" but he is the object of much adverse criticism for voting neither way. Just what his convictions were is a matter of speculation. We do know, however, that a more upright, honorable and conscientious man never adorned a berth in the Senate chamber. Perhaps it was these virtues that impelled his neutrality.

Senator Stedman's bill, which passed both branches of the general assembly last week providing for the establishment of a girls' school on the site of the historical Paul Jones place in Halifax is the just reward of the untiring efforts of the U. D. C., who have worked faithfully and diligently toward the end of commemorating this national spot by the establishment of a national institution over the broad acres that the great American naval hero lived as a young man. The bill provides that the State will appropriate \$3,500 on condition that the school is established in Halifax county, and on the further condition that the State will not encumber itself to aid the school after its establishment in any other way. Already through the strenuous efforts of the Daughters one hundred acres of land has been donated by citizens of Halifax together with several thousand dollars pledged by citizens in the county. The board of county commissioners are expected to donate a handsome sum looking to the establishment of such an institution.

Patrons' Meeting.

Our regular patrons' meeting will be held at Mullens on Friday afternoon, March 26th, promptly at 2:30 o'clock. It is earnestly desired that all of the patrons, members and officers of betterment club and members of Roseneath M. P. Church will be present together. Our next friend will make us an interesting address. And we hope to have everything suitable for the occasion. We would be glad to have some of those present be prepared to give us short talks on anything they wish. Come everybody that can. You have a warm welcome. We will be glad to have you with us.
FANNIE S. JOYNER, Teacher.

Edward L. Travis.

The gentlemen whose likeness is presented herewith, is chairman of a commission that exercises three important functions of the government of North Carolina—the regulation of all corporation engaged in public service in this state—the supervision of all North Carolina State banks, and general supervision of the execution of the tax laws of the State, including the assessment for taxation of all North Carolina corporation.

There have been but few periods in the State's history that developed a higher type of patriotism than the "revolution" or campaign of 1898 and it is to this period that Mr. Travis owes his introduction to the State. Politics in Halifax county has become a matter of necessity. It presented a demand for either revolution or emigration. Mr. Travis and a few other leaders decided to emigrate and Halifax becomes the storm center on the northern border as did Richmond and Scotland on the southern border. After it was all over Mr. Travis found himself a member of the State Senate of 1899, in which there were only five members of the opposition party.

CAME INTO LEADERSHIP.

No finer tridite could be paid him than that, coming practically unknown to the state, to that senate made up largely of leaders in the State, he acquired in it a position of universally recognized leadership. He gave himself up largely to one idea—the submission of a constitutional amendment regulating suffrage that would make a repetition of 1898 campaign unnecessary. The fight for the submission of this amendment was made in party caucus behind doors that were closed and barred, and the State has long forgotten, if it ever knew the slender thread by which the fight was won. Many of the stoutest hearts were filled with misgiving—if the effort should fail before the people the party would be swept out of power with it. Mr. Travis made the final speech in caucus that broke through the opposition; he was selected to make the closing speech in its defence in open session, and was presented with a testimonial by his colleagues at the close of the session and recognition of his successful leadership of this fight.

FOUR TIMES IN SENATE.

He was returned to the Senate in 1901, 1903 and 1909. In 1901 he was elected chairman of the Board of Directors of the State's Prison, and had a large part in converting that institution into a financial asset instead of a liability. In 1903 he led the three weeks, three concerned fight in the Legislature that finally resulted in of Hon. Lee S. Overman to the United States Senate.

At the age of 41 he had acquired a commanding position in the public affairs of the state, and at the bar, when he was stricken by the insane bullet, from it required two years to recover six months of which was spent with his neck in a plaster case. He was finally sent home in the interest of the mortality record of the hospital, but he wouldn't have it that way, took directions of his own case and got entirely well.

ENGINEERS RATE VICTORY.

He was a leader in the long contest that resulted in the selection at Charlotte of his former countymen for Governor, and was appointed by Governor Kitchin a member of the Corporation Commission. He has been re-elected and is just beginning to serve a six year term. The notable success with which he is administering this office is to recent history to require review. But it may be remarked in passing that the mastery of the freight rate difficulty two years ago was a pretty piece of tight rope work as one would wish to see. With the railroad insisting their revenues were already to small and the shippers of the State in arms for redress of grievances, he and his associates engineered an adjustment that finally became acceptable to everybody except the Virginia cities.

IN AMENDMENT FIGHT.

His friends credit him and his enemies charge him with defeating the proposed tax amendment at the last election. Contrary to all the rules of good politics he swung out in pronounced style in opposition to it, when it appeared that nearly everybody else was supporting it. But he got a very fixed idea that he'd rather live in the State with a constitutional requirement that everybody's property should be taxed by a uniform rule, and when he got through saying so a considerable majority of the voters agreed with him. On election night, when the returns indicated agreement by the voters of the State with the view expressed by him in his famous letter on the tax amendment, Mr. Tra-

vis was the most talked of men in North Carolina. He was being discussed by a group at State headquarters in Raleigh.

"But they tell me that Travis won't answer a letter," said one gentleman.

He wrote one letter than no else has ever answered," remarked an innocent bystander.

HAS ABSOLUTE POISE.

His chief characteristic is his absolute poise under all circumstances and conditions. He has been in many and exciting contests, but if he ever got excited himself it was when the home team tied the score in the ninth inning. Somebody told him in early youth that it's the fellow who keeps his head who doesn't have to explain how it happened. It is not recalled that he was ever closely identified with a losing fight, and by the way, the most of the contests have been won in the ninth, inning.

HE IS A GOOD SPORT.

He is a good sport, with an instinct and the patience for the trait. It has been said that he can slip up behind a wild turkey and pat him on the tail. But his pettigreed and blue-ribboned dogs have had little practice since he assume responsibilities for supervision of railroads, banks and taxes.

He used to farm, in those off years when he accumulated earnings at the bar would permit.

He has no personal or political enemy who knows his well.

HOME A PICTURESQUE ONE.

He has a picturesque home with all modern conveniences except a telephone, in a large grove, near the Roanoke River, in the historic town of Halifax, which presents less variation to the census director than any other town in the country. Mr. Travis spends nine months of each year in Raleigh and the Halifax home in occupied only three months in summer when the two boys are home from college.

Mr. Travis is only fifty years of age. He has little reason to complain of the progress of the game so far, and the ninthinning is yet to play.—News and Observer.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF The Bank of Hobgood,

at Hobgood, N. C., at the close of business March 4, 1915.

RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts.....	\$19,563.02
Banking house.....	1,700.00
Furniture and fixtures.....	663.07
Due f'm banks & bank'rs	8,895.35
Gold coin.....	62.50
Silver coin, etc.....	402.15
National bank notes, etc.	944.00
Total.....	\$32,230.09
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 5,000.00
Surplus fund.....	2,000.00
Undivided profits, etc.....	269.34
Bills payable.....	7,961.17
Time certificates deposit.	16,920.01
Deposits subject to check	79.57
Cashier's checks outstand'g.	79.57
Total.....	\$32,230.09

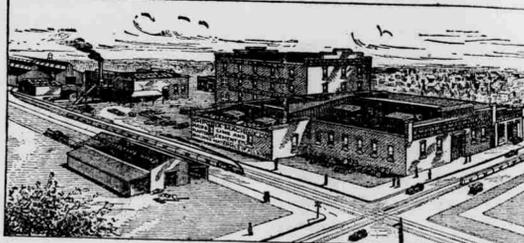
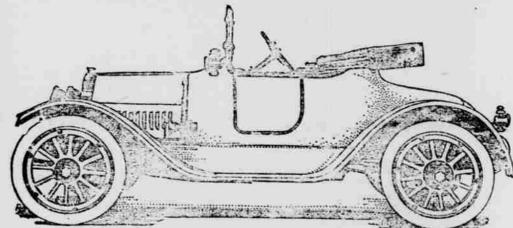
State of North Carolina ss. County of Halifax. I, E. P. Hyman, cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. P. HYMAN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 13th day of March, 1915.
W. N. HERRING, Notary Public.
Correct—Attest:
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Wilson Allsbrook

Notice.
By virtue of power vested in me by a certain deed of trust executed to me by James O. Baker, and duly recorded in the office of the register of deed of Halifax county, North Carolina, in Book 255 at Page 376, I will on the 3rd day of April, 1915, sell for cash at public auction to the highest bidder, in the town of Scotland Neck, N. C., in front of Planters & Commercial Bank, at 12 o'clock, m., the following described real estate, lying and being in Halifax County, North Carolina, to wit: That tract or parcel of land, in said county and State, being lots 5 & 6 in the Division of the Bishop Land of record in the office of register of deeds for Halifax County, North Carolina, in Book --- at Page ---, to which reference is hereby made, containing 13 6-10 acres, more or less, and bounded by the lands of J. B. Gray, Jessie Canny and Henry Smith. This the 3rd day of March, 1915.
Stuart Smith, Trustee.

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"In this modern day of uncertain-ty insurance is the one thing that a fellow can count upon in adversity. Other investments may prove of no account. Many a man has believed himself to be in good financial condition, only to awaken in the morning to find that he wasn't worth a cent. But the man who is insured is absolutely certain that in the event he is called to the Great Beyond those dependent upon him have something to count upon."
"Not only should one manage to keep up his insurance at this time, but he should take out more of it, if it is at all possible. For the man unskilled in handling money, there is no other investment any safer—and even the fellow who supposes to know all about handling money is frequently mistaken. If there had not been a place in the economy of things for the insurance companies they would long ago have been forced out of business."
It could not be better stated and the thought is one that agents should bring to the attention of every possible prospect. It is always in order in such times as these and it can be depended upon to make a stronger impression now than at any other time. Further than that, it is a seed planted that is sure to sprout some time in the future, whether it springs up at once or not. It is a great introducer of the perennial subject.—From Editorial Insurance Field.
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